



ARKANSAS
Department of Environmental Quality

April 7, 2017

Mr. Philip Crocker
Chief, Watershed Management Section
U.S. EPA, Region 6
1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200
Dallas, TX 75202-2733

Re: ADEQ Response to EPA Proposed Actions for 2017 Triennial Review

Dear Mr. Crocker:

The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality's Office of Water Quality (ADEQ) has reviewed your September 20, 2016 letter describing the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) preliminary suggestions for the 2017 Triennial Review. In preparation for the 2017 Triennial Review and stakeholder workgroup meetings, ADEQ would like to provide tentative action items to be proposed to the stakeholder workgroup. These draft action items are being provided in an effort to improve communication and cooperation between EPA and Arkansas. As EPA noted in the September 2016 letter, ADEQ's goal for the 2017 Triennial Review is to revise applicable sections to reflect previous approvals by EPA for fulfillment of Clean Water Act requirements.

ADEQ's draft action items to be proposed to the stakeholder workgroup include, but are not limited to, prioritization of EPA comments of compliance schedules, recent revisions of 40 CFR 131, lake standard applicability, and application of turbidity standards across varying flows. Also, ADEQ intends to consider appropriate designated uses for Coffee Creek and Mossy Lake (Ashley County) based on findings from two use attainability studies. ADEQ will also propose the revision of several grammatical, syntactic, and communicative discrepancies to improve clarity.

If you have any questions or comments, then please contact Sarah Clem at 501-682-0660 or clem@adeq.state.ar.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Caleb J. Osborne", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Caleb J. Osborne
Associate Director, Office of Water Quality